RESOLUTION NO. 16,549

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR IJOBS LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa, has considered approving and authorizing submission of an application to the Iowa Finance Authority for IJOBS Local Infrastructure Grant Program funding in the amount of \$8,741,250 for the Construction of a new Public Works Complex, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa, deems it in the best interest of the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa, to approve and authorize submission of said application for funding,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Cedar Falls, lowa, that said application for funding is hereby approved and authorized for submission.

ADOPTED this 27th day of July 2009.

Jor T. Crews, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gary L. Hesse, CMC, City Clerk





July 7, 2009

TO:

Iowa Finance Authority

FROM:

Bill McKinley, Assistant Director Physical Plant/Campus Services University of Northern Iowa Cedar Falls, Iowa 50614

RE:

Letter of Support

The University of Northern Iowa and the City of Cedar Falls annually partner on a number of programs to share resources and equipment, promote better and best practices, and to reduce operating costs for the City and the University. Examples would include street sweeping, snow removal, recreational field management and maintenance, flood control, green government initiatives, and refuse and recycling. The University has found Brian Heath, Bruce Sorenson and the rest of the City's Public Works team to be strong, dedicated partners.

With regard to refuse management, Brian and I first worked together to ensure greater use of the City's transfer station. At the time, the University was directing a majority of its waste out of state through partnership with a local waste hauler. The University now sends approximately 80% of the waste we generate through the City's transfer facility. To facilitate the partnership, the Cedar Falls City Council passed a local ordinance that set's UNI's tipping fee at a rate that recovers the City's operational cost, while reducing the price difference between the transfer center cost and that of the Black Hawk County landfill. Tuesday through Friday, our refuse truck makes a short one mile trip to dump waste at the transfer station. We save driver time, miles travelled on the truck, reduce carbon emissions, save fuel and replace our tires less frequently. The travel time saved allows the University to dump our four food service locations twice on Fridays, eliminating previous overtime expense from Saturday morning service. The travel time saved has also allowed the University to expand its cardboard recycling program with additional receptacles at key locations that are now emptied 2-3 times weekly. This volume has increased more than 100% from 47 tons to 103 tons in the past year.

UNI has been recycling paper since 1989, in partnership with City Carton since approximately 1996. Since 1996 we have also been recycling cardboard, newsprint, plastics, tin, glass and other recyclables in conjunction with City Carton. As demand/participation grew on campus, the City of Cedar Falls was growing and expanding, particularly to the south and southwest, with new housing developments and the expansion of the industrial park. The City and UNI explored partnering ideas that would maximize and enhance participation in recycling programs, both on campus and throughout the City, while minimizing our mutual additional investment in staff and equipment, while taking the pressure off the City's recycling center at 15th Street and State Street.

These discussions came to fruition in late September, 2006 with the opening of the recycling site on Panther Parkway on the west edge of the University campus. The University donated the land and provided signage. The City purchased the roll-off containers and a truck with a hook and load capability. UNI Grounds personnel maintain the site with volunteer student assistance. This excellent example of town/gown cooperative effort has recycled 180 and 215 tons of materials in its first two years of operation and continues to grow. The City needs additional resources to continue to grow and respond to this program growth. A grant from the lowa Finance Authority could greatly assist and expedite this growth.

Thank you for your consideration.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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July 13, 2009

Iowa Finance Authority

Re:

Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to offer this letter in support of the Relocation of the Cedar Falls Public Works Administration Building. This relocation will free up additional space at the current recycling facility and allow for larger storage areas and the expansion of current recycling efforts in the City of Cedar Falls. Additional recycling programs will help reduce the overall tonnages delivered to the Black Hawk County Landfill. Also, this move will help minimize the potential impact on city services when we experience another flood event.

Because of the overwhelming success of the current Cedar Falls Recycling Program and its future growth potential, this program has become a vital part of the Black Hawk County Solid Waste Management Commission's successful waste reduction program. Our cooperative efforts have played a major roll in helping our region achieve waste reduction of nearly 50%.

Sincerely yours,

Brett Vette Administrator,

Black Hawk County

Solid Waste Management Commission



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July 20, 2009

Iowa Finance Authority 2015 Grand Ave. Des Moines, IA 50312-4901

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to register my support for the City of Cedar Falls Municipal Operations Departments move to the Cedar Falls Industrial Park. Through the last 10 years the city and Wayne Engineering have had a very close partnership that has been very beneficial to us. They have continually demonstrated and trialed our refuse products we manufactured and have been a substantial contributor to our continuous improvement efforts. Those efforts have helped lead us to a number three position in the manufacture of automated collection vehicles. Even now they are involved in development of our new street sweeper products. They have been an invaluable asset because of their close proximity and their proposed move to become our next door neighbor is an exciting prospect to us. Our engineers will be far more productive and knowledgeable because of the sheer convenience that the new location will provide.

Additionally, we would encourage this move because at their current location they are susceptible to the flood plain risks. They have incurred damage in the past and have consequently risked the disruption of basic municipal services that we all take for granted. Their move to the Industrial Park would alleviate this risk once and for all and ensure that the thousands of people who work in the Industrial Park will always be able to attend work here despite the occurrence of natural disasters.

Kevin Watje

President/CEO



July 20, 2009

Iowa Finance Authority
I-Jobs Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

As the recycling service provider for the City of Cedar Falls, City Carton Recycling extends their support for the I-Jobs Grant application from the Iowa Finance Authority. City Carton Recycling has worked with the City of Cedar Falls since 2003. We offer resource recovery services to businesses, industries, and municipalities throughout Iowa and the Midwest, including Cedar Rapids, IA, Iowa City, IA, and Rock Island County, IL. City Carton Recycling is the largest fiber recycling contractor in the State of Iowa, and one of the largest full-service recycling companies in the Midwest.

The City of Cedar Falls' Grant application provides for a relocation of the Department of Public Works operations from the current recycling facility. The relocation of the Public Works accomplishes several goals of the expansion project. These goals provide the recycling facility space for the City to collect, handle, and bale all materials at the current location, resulting in an increase in diversion of materials from the landfill, reduction of transportation costs, and an overall increase in recycled tonnage. Further, the City's project broadens their range of recycling capabilities and initiatives. Initiatives include: a ban on large quantities of cardboard at the landfill, increasing recycling capacity and storage space for all materials baled on-site, including drop-site, curbside materials, E-waste, and construction and demolition materials.

City Carton Recycling has witnessed the development of the City of Cedar Falls' program. Their commitment to recycling is present in their continued growth, management, and success of their program and partnerships. Since 2003, the recycling operation has grown. It now includes a main receiving facility, two horizontal balers, conveyors, and three outside drop-sites. In 2004 the City processed 978 tons of material; in 2008 they processed 1,876 tons, virtually doubling their tonnage. In 2006, the City partnered with University of Northern Iowa and established a beneficial drop-site on the campus. The ability for the City of Cedar Falls to increase their recycling capabilities and reduce costs is important for their future growth and partnerships in the community.

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The increased recycling tonnage resulting from the expansion project is beneficial to the City and the partnership between City Carton Recycling and the City of Cedar Falls. City Carton Recycling believes the City of Cedar Falls has demonstrated itself as an excellent candidate for the I-Jobs Grant and would fully utilize this award for future growth. As their recycling service provider, City Carton Recycling looks forward to many more years of partnership with the City of Cedar Falls!

Sincerely,

Brian Holtz

Vice President Sales & Marketing

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